Funds Earmarked for Building Storages for Grains

4450. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH :
SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA :
SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR :

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that adequate funds have not been earmarked for building storages for grains in the country during the current Five Year Plan;

(b) whether it is also a fact that as a result of inadequate storage facilities, atleast 25 per cent to 30 per cent of the grains are spoiled or destroyed in our country; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken to release sufficient amount of money for constructing storages for the preservation of grains in the country and what would be the allocation of funds on this account during the current plan period ?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI) : (a) For the Seventh Plan period, the Planning Commission had agreed to an outlay of Rs. 246 crores.

(b) No Sir, the damage to stocks held by the Food Corporation of India, the main public agency handling government stocks of grains, had been reported to be less than 1% during the 3 years 1984-85 to 1986-87.

(c) Against the Seventh Plan outlay of Rs. 246 crores, about Rs. 240 crores are likely to be utilised by the end of 1988-89. Suitable outlay would be provided for 1989-90 for construction of warehousing and storages.

Removal of 4000 Tonnes of Thorium Hydroxide

4451. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY ;
SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK ;

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state ;

(a) whether Government are aware that there are chances of Bhopal type disaster in Ernakulam this time if Indian Rare Earths, the Thorium Mill, of the Atomic Energy Commission does not remove 4,000 tonnes of Thorium Hydroxide stored near Periyar River:

(b) if so, the details thereof: and

(c) the action proposed to be taken by Government to avoid Bhopal type disaster in that city ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN) : (a) There is no possibility of a Bhopal type disaster in Ernakulam due to the Indian Rare Earths Plant located at Alwaye.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Burglary in Army Headquarters

4452. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY ;
SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK ;

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state ;

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the press